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Governor Jan Brewer Creates Arizona Human Trafficking Council

PHOENIX – Governor Jan Brewer has established by Executive Order the Arizona Human Trafficking Council, addressing one of the key priorities highlighted in the governor's 2014 State of the State and policy agenda.

"Human trafficking is a despicable crime affecting some of our most vulnerable citizens and, as a border state facing international and inter-state ports of entry, Arizona is particularly exposed to its harmful effects," said Governor Brewer. "As long as the problem persists, we must undertake every possible action to protect our state and our citizens. In addition to working with state lawmakers to strengthen Arizona trafficking laws, we also must enhance federal, state and local coordination to address and eliminate this atrocity once and for all. This Council – comprised of Arizona's leading experts in human trafficking and public safety – will be a significant next step in our critical mission."

In April 2013, Governor Brewer created the Task Force on Human Trafficking. Co-chaired by Cindy McCain and Gil Orrantia, the Task Force was charged with identifying ways to reduce trafficking in Arizona, assist victims and safeguard those most vulnerable. Following months of testimony from more than 16 subject matter experts, members submitted to the governor findings and recommendations for strengthening state human trafficking laws, including increasing protections for victims, fortifying penalties for traffickers and solicitors, and facilitating a better overall statewide response to the crime.

The Arizona Human Trafficking Council will build upon the recommendations of the Governor's Task Force as well as continue to implement best practices; develop a comprehensive and coordinated victims' service plan; evaluate and report to the governor statewide data on human trafficking; promote greater collaboration with law enforcement, state agencies and the community-at-large; and raise public awareness about victims services, restitution and prevention.

Members of the Arizona Human Trafficking Council include:

- Cindy McCain, Philanthropist/Advocate/Business Owner (Co-Chairperson)
- Gil Orrantia, Director, Arizona Department of Homeland Security (Co-Chairperson)
- Carolyn Jones, Survivor of human trafficking, Streetlight
- Sheila Polk, Yavapai County Attorney
- Jon Eliason, Division Chief, Maricopa County Attorney's Office
- Sheila Hoppe, Contracts Manager, Division of Child Safety and Family Services
- Margery Ault, Division Chief of Consumer Rights, Arizona Department of Health Services

- Michael Derfus, Captain of Enforcement and Compliance, Arizona Department of Transportation,
- Lt. Colonel Timothy Chung, Criminal Investigations Division, Arizona Department of Public Safety,
- Chad Campbell, Director of the Division of Juvenile Justice Services, Administrative Office of the Courts
- Brian Steele, Executive Director, Phoenix Dream Center
- Allie Bones, Chief Executive Officer, Arizona Coalition to End Sexual and Domestic Violence
- Sergeant Chris Bray, Phoenix Police Department
- Grant Woods, Former Arizona Attorney General
- Dominique Roe-Sepowitz, Director, ASU Office of Sex Trafficking Intervention Research
- Sarah Suggs, CEO, O'Connor House
- Chuck Fitzgerald, Arizona Department of Economic Security's Office of Faith and Community
- Debbie Johnson, President, Arizona Lodging and Tourism Association

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